

## I. AMENDMENTS

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please enter the following amendments to the specification.

On page 1, after the title, please enter the following text:

#### -- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,949, filed January 26, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,465, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/033,313, filed March 2, 1998, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/466,839, filed June 6, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/162,597, filed December 3, 1993, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,753,225, which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

On page 9, please delete the paragraph beginning on line 16, as follows:

~~Fig. 4 is a bar graph showing promotion of neuron survival by an antibody of the invention.~~

On page 50, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 35, as follows:

When the effect of the bivalent RtrkA.EX IgG preparation was tested quantitatively in the sympathetic neuronal survival assay, the RtrkA.EX antibody caused a small but reproducible decrease in NGF-dependent viability, while the anti-LNGFR and nonimmune IgG preparations had no obvious effects (~~Figure 4~~). However, when NGF was omitted from the culture medium, the RtrkA.EX antibody had a strong survival promoting activity, yielding a maximal survival of about 60% of that obtained with NGF (~~Fig. 4~~) and promoted extensive process outgrowth.

On page 51, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 6, as follows:

~~Figure 4 shows that~~ RtrkA.EX promotes survival of sympathetic neurons. Neonatal rat superior cervical ganglion neurons were cultured in combinations of NGF and IgG preparations as indicated. NGF was used at 50 ng/ml and the IgG preparations at 10 or 100 µg/ml. After 24 hours, the cultures were fixed and the number of process-bearing neurons counted. ~~The data shown are the average and range of duplicate cultures.~~